

REMARKS

The Examiner has asserted a Restriction Requirement under 35 U S C § 121, requiring restriction of the application to one of the two alleged groups of claims, namely claims 1-36 and 52-102 (Group I), and claims 37-51 and 103-143 (Group II).

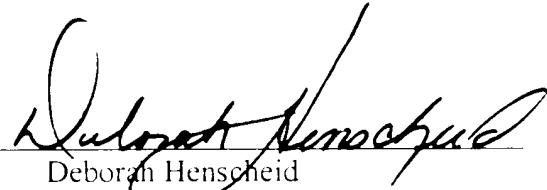
Applicant hereby elects Group I, consisting of claims 1-36 and 52-102 for prosecution in this application. Applicant has elected Group I in order to expedite prosecution of this application. This election is made without waiver, estoppel, or without prejudice to the filing of one or more related applications directed to subject matter of the canceled claims.

The foregoing amendment conforms this application to the restriction requirement contained in the Office Action dated May 30, 2002.

The undersigned would welcome a telephone call at the telephone number listed below if such would advance prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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